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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116  
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Group No. 1712

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Annie AUDIBERT et al  
Serial No.: 09/628,423  
Filed: July 28, 2000  
For: METHOD AND FLUID FOR CONTROLLING THE  
SATURATION OF A FORMATION CLOSE TO A WELL  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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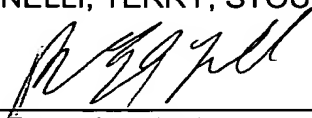
Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within a two-month time period subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed June 12, 2003. A credit card payment form in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (612.38836X00) and any excess fees credited to that account.

Respectfully submitted,

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